

Bulletin
Secession of I. M. S.

A. States 1739

From Whom

Under Secretary

Place

F. M. S.

Date

20. 3. 12

Suggests that if the Gardens Dept
proposed to continue the publication of the
S.S. & Fms Bulletin

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

where are the recent pp. about the
Fms. publication. we were asked how
many copies we wanted.

23. 3. 12

D of Gardens

Please report what it is proposed
to do.

27. 3. 12

Am Col Sec.

The Bulletin is being continued
it would not be possible to make a
change at present as subscriptions are
being received. The Bulletin (new series)
commenced and

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to discontinue the joint work
you should have been consulted
before any announcement
of proposed discontinuance
was made.

Sd. S. M.A. 10/4/12

yes.

The D of Gardens
should discuss the question
at Kuala Lumpur & report
the result.

Sd. A. J. B. 10/4/12

D. of F.

To note

Sd. S. M.A. 10/4/12

Hon. S.

Noted

R. S. 13/4/12

Hon. S.

I When the D of Gardens
notified that the Bulletin
would cease with his departure
he had overlooked that he
was under contract to
supply the Bulletin and
print the notes of their

meeting for M. P. A up to the
end of their financial year
31st March 1912 for which
service he had received \$1,000.

2 This department had
no choice other than continue
the Bulletin up to that time
neither does it object to proceed
as hitherto but for reasons
to be advanced I do not think
it expedient.

I put up the original prospec-
tus from which it will be seen
that to a large extent two
Bulletins would merely
mean re-duplication.

It will also be seen that
when the Bulletin started there
were only two officers in the
Dept directly connected with
agriculture while at the present
time such is the position in
the Colony. on the other hand
there is now in the Dept a
fully equipped department
both in the staff, laboratory
and appliances.

Singapore at the time of the
commencement of the Bulletin
was considered the best place

for it to be edited but it was
not laid down that this should
be so for all times.

No doubt the Agricultural
Dept as organized in the Trust
feel that it is being subordi-
nated and that the head
quarters of the Bulletin should
be there. In the best interest of
Agriculture, and the Bulletin
I think it best at present,
with the proviso - Which the
Director of Agriculture Trust
agrees that it is edited by
the Director of Agriculture Trust
and Director of Gardens, S'pore.

I submit the position of
the Bulletin would be improved
it would be issued without a
break and no one hurt in
the mean season. In time
it may be re-edited and
published in Singapore
again.

If approved the Trust
could start with the May
number I hand over receipt
for the current year and
will communicate with
Govt. as to the previous balance
sd R.D. 13/5/12

Ag. D of Gardens
Please Communicate direct
with the Dir. of Agricul. Trust
sd A.T.B. 15/5/12

Hon. G.

This has already been done
and the D of A. Trust is prepared
to take over the Bulletin on these
lines.

2 This matter is urgent
as the Trust would have
to produce many numbers of
the Bulletin.

sd R.D. 17.5.12

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As a request was made by a large number of Planters in the Colony, F.M.S., Ceylon, India and elsewhere, a monthly Bulletin was started in Octr. 1901 (see Prospectus attached).

(2) The following arrangements were made for its publication. It was agreed that:—

(a) That the Bulletin be edited by the Gardens Dept. Singapore, and that the parties mentioned in the prospectus contribute suitable articles.

(b) That the printing be done at the Govt. Printing Dept. S'pore (free of charge) and that all subscriptions and postage be done by that Department.

(c) That the Governments of the S.S. and F.M.S. grant respectively \$300 annually to assist with the expenses in connection with such items as postage, illustrations etc., and ~~also that the~~ at the same time *the* P.A.M. guaranteed the payment of ¹⁰⁰ ~~200~~ subscriptions.

3. Owing to the inability of the Govt. Pr. Dept. to have the Bulletin printed regularly, it was found necessary to have occasional numbers printed by outsiders so that the numbers be ~~enabled to~~ issued *monthly*.

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4. As numerous complaints had been received by the Editor, owing to the inability of the G.P.D. to cope with the distribution of the Bulletin 6 months after its commencement, the distribution was undertaken by the Gardens Department.

5. In 1908, though, as has already been stated, occasional numbers were printed outside, it was found that the G.P.D. could not do justice to the Bulletin and the Editor, owing to still further complaints from the P.A.M. was compelled to give the printing of all the numbers to private firms.

This was done from the month of April 1908 on the understanding that the P.A.M. would vote annually \$1000 and in return receive 300 copies of each issue to be distributed as desired by them.

The cost of printing and all other charges has been met by the grant from the P.A.M.; the votes of the two Governments, together with the receipts obtained by advertisers and the increased yearly subscription.

The sum paid for the printing of the Bulletin from April 1908 to Decr. 1911 was \$7576.56.

From the commencement of the Bulletin (in 1902) to the end of Decr. 1911, the Government Grants totalled \$5550.00 and of this roughly \$1620.00 were used in the purchase of stamps for postage. The P.A.M. during 1909 and 1910 contributed \$2000.00.

The total cost of printing the Bulletin since its inception has been \$11,911.65.

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When the Bulletin was printed at the G.P.D. 450 copies were printed monthly. In 1908 it was found necessary to increase the number printed to 1000 copies. This was due to the increased demand for the Bulletin.

Owing to its regular appearance, we could afford to ask for the publications of other Depts. of Agriculture in other countries and at the present moment we receive over 200 such publications. ^{in exchange} Should the publication of our Bulletin cease, we shall lose a large proportion of these publications to the detriment of the Department.

This Bulletin has therefore obtained a considerable reputation amongst other stations throughout the World and should the name be changed or a new publication commence, the work of all these years will be nullified.

In 1906 the late Mr. Carruthers, Director of Agriculture, F.M.S. approached the Editor with the same idea. The case as now stated was explained to him and he agreed that the publication should remain as it was and that it should be a combined publication between the two Departments, he being the Co-editor. This he did until his retirement in 1908

Under these circumstances, therefore, I would suggest that the publication of the Bulletin be continued as at present and that the Director of Agriculture F.M.S. be asked to be Co-Editor but that the actual editing and issuing of the Bulletin be left in the hands of the Gardens Dept. S'pore to whom all communications should be sent.

B 23/7

Should it be found to change the name of the Bulletin I would suggest that this is to take place from the beginning of 1912. As we are already brought out 3 issues in the old style.

has continued an amalgamated publication of the Bot. Gardens & Agricultural Dept. in the Colony & F.M.S. would be by far in the best interests of the Bulletin and the Dept. The proposal amounts to have been over looked that

The burst of such secessions requires the work has for some time been fallen on the Botanic Gardens & particularly Mr. Ridley for which reason he possibly notified it would cease on his departure. Such secessions requires the sanction of both Government who subscribe £300 each as an amalgamated publication. Any alteration or suggestion regarding the Bulletin could possibly be met by discussion.

Since its inception the Bulletin has obtained a good reputation amongst similar institutions throughout the world and any alteration would be a retrogressive step now. In fact all the preceding years would be practically lost. Here application for former copies, sometimes complete volumes, are frequently received. At one time the Bulletin was co-edited by Messrs. Ridley and Carruthers & some such arrangement at the present time.

I expect to be applying for a few days leave to proceed to Kuala Lumpur within the next week & could then deal with the matter on the spot.

R. D. 7.4.12

The whole muddle seems to be due to the notification by the Hon. Gardens Dept. that the joint work was to be discontinued. This led to the letter in 879.12 & now apparently it is not desired with ref. to your letter 12/12 of the 20th inst. last. I am directed to inform you that it appears your

inquiries which have been made that the Gardens Dept. of this Colony was in error in announcing at the end of last year that the joint Bulletin would be discontinued.

It is understood that a joint publication is in fact still being issued and that subscriptions paid have been collected. The Ag. Director of Gardens &c. has therefore been directed to discuss the matter with the Dir. of Agriculture. F.M.S. & it is suggested that no decision be arrived at until this has been done.

4.5.12



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE,
FEDERATED MALAY STATES,
KUALA LUMPUR.

Received 23/1/13

Answered.....

Jan. 22, '13

Dear Burkill -

I sympathise with your difficulties about getting away. though your must be much greater than mine.

I shall be going to Penang now on Sunday (from Port Swettenham) & from there to Kedah. The boat leaves P.S. on Sunday aft.

Prof. D. H. Campbell is coming up with me to Penang so it would be rather useful if you could come also. He is the most

About the 'Bulletin' I do
not think there is room for two
agricultural journals in Malaya &
of the two places I think K. Lumpur
is a better centre for such a
periodical than Singapore. If your
idea is for a botanical, or
some similar journal I should
welcome it. Though of course
I have no right to interfere
in any case.

My show will I hope be
respectable in a few weeks' time
at present it is in a very

mess with builders & such-like.
They have been at it for about
a year now.

Yours sincerely
J. Johnston

DRAFT

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SIGNED BY }

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DATED

24th aug. 1912

To

SIR,

Would the meteorological
readings for Kelantan
which I receive through
the courtesy of Dr. J. M. L.
be acceptable to you
for publication, & to
I will ask him
to forward direct.

I am,

Sir,

J. M. L.

for J.

~~The Editor~~
~~Agricultural Bulletin~~
~~Kuala Lumpur~~
~~J. M. L.~~

Bulletin matter

Director of Agriculture
Kuala Lumpur
J. M. L.

No. M.D. 90
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Referring to your

No. 267/12Residency Surgeon's OFFICE,
Kota Bharu
Kelantan
2nd September 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter No. 267/12
dated 31st August.

I will be glad to forward
our returns to the Director of
Agriculture Kuala Lumpur
instead and will endeavour to
do so as regularly as possible.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant

John D. Simlette

Residency Surgeon
Kelantan

Bulletin
sent by post Kuala Lumpur
9/12

To The Director
The Botanic Gardens
Singapore